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SUBJ: RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL AMENDING SINGLE CONVENTION
ON MARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961

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1. EMBASSY HAS TAKEN UP SUBJECT RATIFICATION QUESTION WITH JOSEPH HOUNTON, FORNMIN'S DIR OF POLITICAL, LEGAL AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS. HE SAID THERE WAS NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF PROTOCOL, PROBLEM HERE WAS ONLY PROCEDURAL ONE OF CARRYING IT THROUGH RATIFICATION MILL. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS, OF WHICH HE IS A MEMBER, DISCUSSED PROTOCOL SOME TIME AGO. HE WOULD RAISE IT AGAIN ANT TRY TO GET MATTER TAKEN FORWARD TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR DECISION. HE DID NOT APPEAR OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF EARLY RATIFICATION.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS BUT ONE OF MANY MATTERS IN DAHOMEY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WHICH HAVE REMAINED IN STALEMATE SINCE MILITARY TAKE OVER IN OCT 72. PROBLEM IS THAT THE REGIME, INWARD LOOKING, IS ALMOST TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL POLITICS AND IDEOLOGY. WE WILL FOLLUW UP WITH FORNMIN AGAIN, AFTER A RESONABLE INTERVAL.
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